SUBJECTS.

106. The need for improving the roads and canals in the town of Thiruvalla.

Mr. K. M. Mammen Mappila (Member, T. I. C., Thiruvalla) said that, of all the Town Improvement Committees, the one at Thiruvalla was the poorest. Their balance at the close of 1087 was Rs. 49 only. They had no extra sources of income like the Committees at Alwaye and Vaikom. The communications in the town were very miserable. He therefore requested that the roads mentioned in the list of improvements to be made to the town, submitted to the Government by the President of the Thiruvalla Committee on the 2nd Kumbham 1088, might be ordered to be taken up and improved.

He next proposed that the market canal should be deepened and improved to make boat traffic easy. The canal, if deepened, would be of much use to the merchants of the market and the people at large. The question had been pending before the Government for very many years. He requested the early attention of the Government to the most urgent need of the town of Thiruvalla, *viz.*, the canal.

If the above two requests were granted, he said that the improvements to the other roads and lanes would be done by the Committee, with the co-operation of the local officers.

Dewan's reply.—The representation of the Member about roads is noted. In regard to the improvement of the market canal, the Chief Engineer will be asked to expedite the estimate for the work.

107. The need for improving the lanes in the Alleppey town so as to facilitate scavenging.

Mr. P. Joseph Panapallil (Member, T. I. C., Alleppey) thanked the Government, on behalf of the people of Alleppey, for sanctioning the important improvements in connection with the old Commercial Canal. He said that scavenging was only optional in the town. Though there were 2,000 houses in the town paying house-tax, there were facilities for doing the scavenging only in 220. The expenditure under the head of 'scavenging' amounted to twice the receipts from that source and the Committee therefore proposed to extend the benefits of private scavenging to a larger number of houses. That however was not practicable until the existing lanes, at any rate the lanes in the congested parts of the town, were improved to admit of nightsoil and rubbish carts being taken through them. As there would be no wheeled traffic through the lanes, some attention to them once in three or four years would suffice to keep them in good condition. He therefore prayed that the subject might receive the early attention of the Government.

Dewan's reply.—The Sanitary Commissioner will be asked to visit the town and report on the question of scavenging the houses in the lanes. The Committee may arrange to meet him and show him their difficulties.

108. The need for improving the Alwaye market.

Fr. Cyriacus (Member, T. I. C., Alwaye) said that the vegetable market at Alwaye was located in a street barely 10 yards wide at the widest part and 70 yards long. When the regular business began in the market, more than 2,000 people would flock to the place on an average. Hardly a foot of space would be left for the exposure of the articles to be sold. With the increasing prosperity of the town, the demand for articles sold in the market was also

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